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1. GEN. WESTMORELAND HAS FORMALLY SIGNED OFF ON AGREED FIGURES AND IRREGULAR QUANTIFICATION PARAGRAPH. UNDERSTAND HE HAS FORMALLY REPORTED TO CHAIRMAN JCS THAT AGREEMENT ON FIGURES WAS REACHED AND HE HAS ENDORSED RESULT. THUS OUR BASIC MISSION NOW SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

2. I HAD GOOD SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER, REPORTING OUR AGREEMENT WITH MACV AND OUTLINING SALIENT ELEMENTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS BUT OMITTING DETAILS NOW BETTER FORGOTTEN. HE REVIEWED AGREED FIGURES AND DRAFT PARAGRAPHS AND ENDORSED THEM WITHOUT RESERVATION. AMBASSADOR MOST PLEASED THAT WASHINGTON AND SAIGON COULD NOW SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT WASHINGTON DELEGATION MISSION AND SAID WESTMORELAND HAD ALREADY PHONED HIM TO

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RELAY SIMILAR VIEWS.

3. AT BUNKER REQUEST, WE THEN ENGAGED IN NOTE AND IMPRESSION COMPARING DISCUSSION OF CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE, PARTICULARLY KY-THIEU RELATIONSHIP. <sup>A</sup>EMBASSADOR HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR STATION AND SUPPORT IT GIVES HIM. HE MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF PRAISING  PERFORMANCE AND <sup>2</sup>PROFESSIONALISM, IN WHICH BUNKER OBVIOUSLY HAS GREAT CONFIDENCE.

4. AFTER BUNKER SESSION, I SPENT TWO HOURS WITH GEN. SIDLE, MACV PIO, DISCUSSING SCENARIO FOR PRESS BUNKER GOUNDER ON NEW FIGURES. MACV, PRESENTATION WILL MAKE NO MENTION WHATSOEVER OF NIE.

5. ONLY REMAINING TASK IS MENDING OF PERSONAL FENCES WITH GEN. DAVIDSON. HE IS ABLE OFFICER WITH UNCOM STATION MUST DEAL CLOSELY AND WITH WHOM WE

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IN WASHINGTON SHOULD MAINTAIN RECIPROCALLY  
USEFUL COMMUNICATION. DAVIDSON AND I MEETING FOR  
DRINKS ON 15 SEPTEMBER.

6. EARLIEST AVAILABLE RESERVATION IS  
PAN AM 2 ON 16 SEPTEMBER. WILL STOP  
AT HONOLULU TO BRIEF CINCPAC STAFF  
AS PROMISED AND WILL BE AT HQS  
OOB TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER.

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